

A CRUSHING BLOW

Being Planned by Prosecution in the Luetgert Trial.

DOUBLES OF MRS. LUETGERT

Identified by Several Witnesses as the Original

WILL BE PLACED ON THE STAND

And Explain How They were Mistaken For the Woman Who is Alleged to Have Been Boiled to Death by Her Unappreciative Husband--Dr. Alport Has a Very Disagreeable Day on the Stand--He is Again Tripped Up by the Prosecution--A Bit of Cassius Repetee.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.--The prosecution is planning the delivery of a crushing blow to the defense in the Luetgert murder trial. When this blow reaches the solar plexus of this case all sesamoids, phalanges, temporals, and other anatomical exhibits will be knocked out of consideration for the time being. It is now asserted that the prosecution will produce upon the witness stand three of the women whom witnesses have identified as Mrs. Luetgert. One of these is the woman who was seen by half a dozen persons in Kenosha, Wis., on May 4 and 5. She is now in Chicago and is being watched constantly by a detective. This is the woman who left one of her slippers in the Kenosha police station. She was described by several witnesses who saw her at the northwestern station in Kenosha and at two of the leading hotels of the town and identified by means of a photograph as Mrs. Luetgert. This woman will be put on the witness stand. She will tell all conversations she had with the police officials and others in Kenosha, it is said. The woman is claimed to be a character well known in certain districts of Chicago.

TRACED BY DETECTIVES.

Detective De Cello has traced the woman met on the country road near Kenosha, May 5, by Fred Schebe, and identified as Mrs. Luetgert, to Joliet, where she is now said to be located. She will be called to the witness stand. It is said, and will testify that she is a bona fide evangelist and was in the vicinity of Kenosha on the date mentioned in the interest of some religious work. Chicago detectives are now in the vicinity of Elgin, Ill., running down the story of Piddler Odyke, who positively identified one of two women who slept in a grove near the village of Elgin, Ill., on the night of June 4, as Mrs. Luetgert. It has been discovered, it is said, that these women were gypsies who belonged to a band of nomads seen in the vicinity of Elgin during the first two weeks of June. If this testimony is introduced and well supported, it will have the effect of identifying the woman who believed they saw Mrs. Luetgert soon after her disappearance. The production of the women who have been identified as Mrs. Luetgert will follow the closing of the evidence of the defense and will be in the nature of rebuttal evidence.

ALLPORT'S WEARY DAY.

The monotony of the scientific and painfully technical proceedings of the trial today was relieved by a healthy laugh at the expense of Dr. Alport, the chief osteological expert of the defense, during the afternoon session. Dr. Alport had identified a piece of bone as the temporal of a human being. He observed that the bone would indicate that the person had been large and strong.

"Yes, I suppose he was," observed Assistant State's Attorney McKewen. "He was a gorilla."

This announcement rather staggered Dr. Alport, but he joined in the general laugh among lawyers, experts and spectators. There was a warm tilt between the witness and Assistant State's Attorney McKewen during the afternoon. After answering a question, Dr. Alport proceeded to give a little explanatory lecture, digressing somewhat from the subject under consideration. When he passed McKewen gazed at the witness in amazement and remarked: "You are a little free with your tongue."

Ex-Judge Vincent was on his feet in a moment, appealing for protection for the witness.

"A little rebuke like that is good for some people," remarked Assistant State's Attorney McKewen. "One small head does not contain all there is to know about law."

Ex-Judge Vincent continued to demand that his chief anatomist be protected by the court. Judge Tuthill put a stop to the dispute by leaning over his desk and remarking: "Gentlemen, proceed with the trial of this case."

LECTURE ON BONES.

Dr. Alport never worked harder while delivering a lecture on descriptive and comparative anatomy before a class in the Northwestern University, than he did in his descriptive part before the jury in the Luetgert case today. He drew diagrams and pictures of bones including human sesamoids, temporals, phalanges and others, and described them. Then he drew more pictures of the same bones in the lower animals and compared them, pointing out the difference. From the crowded court room he appreciated the remarks of the demonstrators. It was Greek to nearly all except the attorneys and experts. The jurors followed the descriptive talk dreamily.

The severe cross examination took a considerable degree of positiveness out of the witness. The questions put to him by Assistant State's Attorney McKewen, but framed by Professor Dorey, tested his knowledge of bones severely. After failing into several cleverly laid pitfalls, Dr. Alport became wary. His answers were not so prompt, decisive and terse as at first. He hesitated and explained, and when the ordeal was over the witness was much pleased.

The battle of the bones will continue tomorrow. Professor Eckley is to be called to tell the jury what he knows about bones, both human and lower animals. The experts are not expected to speak before the middle of next week. When they get through Luetgert is expected to go on the stand. Already State's Attorney Deenen is receiving requests for passes on "Luetgert" days.

Democratic Alliance Names George.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.--At the city nominating convention of the Democratic Alliance of Greater New York held last night, Henry George was unanimously nominated for mayor. The nomination speech was made by Charles Francis Adams. The nomination was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

M. E. CONFERENCE.

Third Day's Session of that Body at Morgantown--Great Deal of Business Transacted--Appeal of the Missionary Society. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., Oct. 1.--

The Methodist Episcopal conference opened the third day's session at 9 a. m., with Bishop Mallalieu in the chair. The business session was preceded by a half hour devotional service led by Rev. Dr. G. C. Wilding, at the close of which the Journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The report of the West Virginia Conference secretary at Buckhannon was read, and Dr. Hutchinson, the president, addressed the conference in behalf of the school, setting forth the advantages offered and the splendid work done the past year, and the outlook for the future of the seminary.

Dr. Buell, dean of the Boston University of Theology, was introduced and in an eloquent talk set forth the great advantage of a higher university education. A report of the publishing house at New York was read, showing a net profit of \$100,000 for the past year's sale of literature. \$1,200 of this amount was given to the West Virginia conference as its share of the dividends. This amount goes into the fund for worn out ministers.

Dr. A. J. Palmer, of New York, one of the secretaries of the missionary society, was introduced and spoke of the great work being done by his society. He said forty thousand people ate their breakfast this morning bought with money given by the missionary society, which enabled them to carry light and life to the heathen world. He told how a few weeks ago through this society, thirty thousand souls in famine stricken India had kept alive for a month that otherwise might have perished. At the close of his speech he made an eloquent appeal for an appeal to all present to join an army of ten thousand persons pledging themselves to give \$20 each to lift the debt of \$200,000 hanging over the society. About fifty persons pledged themselves.

Dr. J. W. Bashford, president of the Ohio Wesleyan University, was next presented and spoke eloquently in the praise of the work done by that institution.

Following these addresses, which consumed nearly all of the forenoon, the traveling ministers made the reports of their work for the past year. These reports in the main showed great gains on all lines of church work. The cabinet work goes smoothly and thus far few important changes have been made.

The anniversary of the missionary society was held to-night. Dr. J. W. Bashford, of Delaware, Ohio, was the principal speaker.

MRS. ATKINSON'S TRIAL.

Began in the Gilmer Court--Demurrer to the Indictment Argued, and Case Taken Under Adversity by the Court.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

GLENVIEW, W. VA., Oct. 1.--The case of Mrs. Myra H. Atkinson, wife of Governor George W. Atkinson, in the Circuit Court of Gilmer County, upon the charge of murder, began today. Mrs. Atkinson, who has been under bond for her appearance, arrived in the court during the morning session, accompanied by Governor Atkinson and her attorneys, Judge John Brannon, of Weston, and by other members of her family.

When the case was reached upon the docket Judge Brannon appeared for Mrs. Atkinson and entered a general demurrer to the indictment. The demurrer was at once set for argument, and Judge Brannon opened for the defense. His argument was largely a review of the technicalities admitting the execution of papers on the part of Mrs. Atkinson, but denying that they were forgeries in any sense, legal or otherwise.

The case, when Judge Brannon concluded, was continued until 7 o'clock this evening, when Judge Brannon, for the prosecution, commenced his argument against the demurrer. The decision of Judge Brannon will be rendered tomorrow morning. If the demurrer is overruled the trial will commence at once. Both sides are fully lined up and the case is attracting wide attention.

Jumped off a Moving Train.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Oct. 1.--Sam. Defoe and William Coburn, sons of well known farmers of Wayne county, jumped off a Norfolk & Western freight train at Lavelette last night, while the train was running with full speed. Defoe was seriously hurt about the head, and Coburn had a leg broken, and was otherwise seriously hurt. Neither may get well. They jumped onto a cattle car and were thrown from it as it came from the Seloto valley, where they had been at work.

CHINESE LABORERS

Who Have Searched into the Country Under Guise of Merchants.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.--About 400 Chinese laborers have been landed in this city during the last five months and have been given free entry in the guise of merchants and students. They are now working in the orchards in various parts of the state, in the salmon canneries on the Columbia river and in dozens of small China town factories of various kinds.

Yesterday forty-one of them were allowed to pass through the custom house and an additional hundred went into quarantine on Wednesday night, from the steamer Dorie, and are expected to be released to-day. These laborers have been all coming in on certificates issued in Macao, a dependency of Portugal and which, under an opinion of the attorney general of the United States delivered May, 1896, must be recognized as prima facie evidence of the right of their bearers to land. This opinion was in effect that the British registrar general at Hong Kong, the commissioner of customs at Canton, and the officer of any other foreign country possessing dependencies in China should be recognized as competent to sign such documents. No identification at this port is called for, no previous records are called for and in short, it seems as though a simple means has been found to successfully evade the Chinese restriction acts.

Queen Regent Receives Sagasta.

MADRID, Oct. 1.--Marshall Martinez Campos was in conference with the queen regent to-day for an hour and a half. The queen regent has expressed the opinion that the change of policy was possible with the present chamber if the majority supported the new cabinet's economic measures and attitude toward the colonies. Afterwards the queen regent received Sagasta and other members of the cabinet. Tomorrow she will make her decision. Her majesty to-day expressed a desire to resign, if possible, the present chamber, believing that a general election would have a disturbing effect. For this, however, Sagasta has expressed a strong opinion. None of the liberals are inclined to accept office, as they would only find themselves in the mercy of conservative chambers.

TOOK THEIR LIVES.

Sensational Suicides in New York and Philadelphia.

THE BRIDEGROOM OF A DAY

Suddenly Throws Himself out of A Hotel Window.

A MOTHER'S SHOCKING DEED.

She Kills Her Four Children and then Commits Suicide by Asphyxiation. Four Other Persons in New York Showed off by Various Methods--Philadelphia Ad Is Two More to the List--One Was a Prominent Democratic Politician and a Lawyer of Marked Ability.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.--Dr. Robert W. Flagg, a well known resident of Yonkers, being seized with an attack of acute mania, in the presence of his bride of one day, leaped out of a window of the Murray Hill hotel to-day, and falling on the sidewalk, received injuries which resulted in his death. His skull was fractured, one of his legs was broken in two places and he sustained internal injuries.

Dr. and Mrs. Flagg reached the hotel about midnight and after registering, were assigned to rooms. Both appeared to be in good spirits and breakfasted about 8 o'clock this morning. They chatted with each other and seemed not to have a care. After breakfast they returned to their rooms and had been there only about fifteen minutes when Mrs. Flagg rushed screaming down the stairs to the lobby of the hotel. Her husband had jumped out of the window. His skull had been fractured, his leg broken and he had received severe bruises of the body. He was carried into the hotel, where his wife met him calmly. The ambulance surgeon said the man was dying.

Mrs. Flagg was a Miss Eleanor Hurner of this city, is about twenty-six years of age, and decidedly good looking. She said at the hospital that in conversation with her husband the latter had become greatly excited and rushed to the window and jumped out. She tried to restrain him, but he thrust her aside and jumped. At Dr. Flagg's residence in Yonkers, it was said that when he leaped yesterday he was in a very nervous condition.

A MOTHER'S AWFUL DEED.

Kills Her Four Children and Then Commits Suicide.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.--A woman and her four children were found dead by asphyxiation in the West Shore hotel, Forty-second street and Eleventh avenue, this morning. The woman had evidently killed her children and committed suicide. They were registered as "Mrs. Caroline Rasmus, West Point, and four children." They arrived by a train which came from West Point last night at 8:45 p. m. Mrs. Rasmus appeared to be about forty years old. The children were two boys, one about fifteen and the other about seven and two girls, about thirteen and seven years of age.

Four More Tired of Life.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.--Theodore Miller, a clothing cutter of this city, committed suicide to-day, by shooting himself.

Mrs. Bertha Rummel took carbolic acid at her home in Brooklyn to-day and died shortly afterwards. She had been dependent for some time. She was married and had two children.

Rudolph Kroke took carbolic acid at his home in this city to-day and died an hour later. He was fifty-seven years of age.

C. E. K. Royce, fifty-five years old, who registered at the Grand Union hotel, from San Francisco, on Tuesday last, was found dead to-day in his room. He had committed suicide by inhaling gas.

PHILADELPHIA'S CONTRIBUTION

To the Starling List--One Suicide a Prominent Democratic Politician.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 1.--

Two men came to this city to-day, to commit suicide within a few days of each other. Josiah Daniels, of Woodstown, N. J., who came to the Delaware Avenue House, No. 6 North Delaware avenue, was found dead in his room. He had taken laudanum. A note addressed to his father, was found with the pathetic confession:

"I have been a disgrace to you and myself, and the sooner I am dead the better."

Daniels was about forty years old and while at the hotel, of quiet manners. Robert Jones Monaghan, a prominent lawyer of West Chester, and well known in state Democratic circles, committed suicide last night or early this morning, at the Ridgeway House, Delaware avenue and Market street, by inhaling illuminating gas. Mr. Monaghan came to the hotel yesterday and registered as John E. Warren, of Wilmington, Del. No one knew him, and after paying for his room he retired. He was not seen again until his body was found about noon to-day. He had placed a rubber tube over the gas jet, and placed one end in his mouth, inhaled the deadly fumes. He left no message to indicate his motive in taking his life, but it is believed his mind was affected.

He was about forty-five years old and leaves a widow and two children. He was admitted to the Chester county bar in 1872, and rapidly rose to a position of prominence. He manifested a great deal of interest in politics and was the nominee of his party for many important places, among them being that of congressman. He was a friend of ex-Governor Tallman, and stamped the state for him. He was always a persistent worker, and seldom took any rest. This led to his mind becoming impaired, and in 1891 he disappeared from home, and six months later, wrote to his family from Australia. He returned afterwards, but could give no account of his movements.

After being treated in a private asylum for some time, he made his escape and returned home. Since then, he appeared to be improving, and has devoted himself to his profession. He had offered to contribute to the Starling List on the editorial staff of the Intelligencer. The police searched the body and found cards bearing his name. His former law partner, R. J. Taylor, identified the remains.

TRAIN HELD UP

On the Rock Island Road in Indian Territory--Passengers Placed of \$300 and Valuable.

EL RENO, I. T., Oct. 1.--Bandits

robbed the south bound Rock Island passenger train and all its passengers at 11 o'clock this forenoon, at siding No. 1, about five miles south of Minco, in the Indian Territory. The railroad and express officials have feared a hold up in that section for several weeks and armed guards have been put aboard all night trains at El Reno and carried through to Chickasha. It had not been thought that outlaws were bold enough to attack a train in midday. This morning the trainmen were completely surprised and they were not prepared to offer any resistance when the masked men came upon them at the lonely siding.

The place is uninhabited, the only persons in the vicinity at the time were four section men. The section men flagged the train, the robbers having completed their raid in cash and such other valuables in the way of watches, pins and jewelry, as were in sight.

Under the pressure of Winchester and ugly looking six shooters, the trainmen, the express messenger and all of the passengers were made to climb down from the train and stand in a line, hands up, on the prairie along the railway. While three of the robbers covered the badly frightened crowd with their guns, the other two coolly and carefully robbed them, passing from one passenger to another down the line. The bandits secured about \$300 in cash and such other valuables in the way of watches, pins and jewelry, as were in sight.

The passengers and the trainmen having been thoroughly plucked, three of the bandits turned their attention to the express and mail coaches, the others standing guard over the crowd. The express messenger was quickly rifled, but the through safe in the express car resisted all the force and ingenuity of the road agents. When the messenger had convinced the bandits that they could not open the strong box, they resorted to dynamite. The safe proved bullet proof, and though it was badly battered, its contents were saved to the express company.

Having taken forcible possession of everything that they could carry away, the bandits mocked the crowd, and then rode toward the west. Foesen of citizens from Chickasha, El Reno and other points are in hot pursuit of the gang.

LONG CABINET MEETING.

But Nothing of Interest Transpired--Minister Woodford's Strange Silence on the Spanish Crisis.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.--The first

meeting of the cabinet since the return of the President from Massachusetts was held to-day, and was attended by every member, except Secretary Gage, who is not in Washington. The meeting lasted longer than usual, in explanation of which fact it was said that the cabinet had been discussing the present situation of affairs upon the condition of affairs upon their return.

Foreign affairs occupied the greater portion of the time given up to discussion, though the prospect of the new cabinet for foreign affairs in the last cabinet. The Spanish crisis attracted much attention, and was discussed at some length. For some reason, Minister Woodford has still left his government officially uncommitted of the recent happenings in Madrid, and nothing has been heard from him since his interview with the Duke of Tetuan, the Spanish minister for foreign affairs in the last cabinet. This fact compelled a reliance upon newspaper reports of the recent important events in Spain.

It may be said that there seems to be a general belief among the members of the President's official family that the Madrid crisis, if not making for our own good, cannot be expected to injure our relations with Spain. This belief is based upon the idea that if a conservative cabinet succeeds the Azcarraga ministry, the worst that can happen will be a continuation of the present line of policy, for Spain is too near an end of her financial resources to put forth more strenuous efforts to subdue the Cubans. On the other hand, it is believed that a Liberal ministry will almost certainly offer good opportunities for bringing the present war to a close.

The conditions in Hawaii, as revealed to Admiral Boardley, were talked of and with evident satisfaction. The cabinet received the admiral's statement that the Hawaiian situation is believed to be a long stay in Hawaii. The Japanese officials, on shore and on the cruiser Nanaiwa, were of the most pleasant nature.

Government Receipts and Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.--The

monthly statement government receipts and expenditures during September, 1897, shows the receipts to have been \$21,823,095 and the expenditures \$25,353,815, an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$3,530,720. For the three months of the fiscal year the excess has been \$20,015,554, as compared with September, 1896, when it was \$14,400,000. In the amount of the revenues and a decrease of \$1,210,730 in the expenditures. The receipts for September last are given as follows:

Customs, \$7,543,305; internal revenue, \$12,701,575; miscellaneous, \$1,578,215.

As compared with September, 1896, this is a loss of about \$4,400,000 from customs and a gain of about \$1,000,000 from the internal revenue source.

Patent Attorneys Disbarred.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.--John Wed-

derburn & Co., of this city, to-day was disbarred from practice before the interior department as patent attorneys or agents. The action of Commissioner Blatherwick is based on section 4961 of the revised statutes. The firm is held to have been guilty of "gross fraud and impudence" in the case of the patent for a general law of motion of the hand, which was made after a long investigation following complaints of other attorneys, who filed charges against the firm.

Five Tickets in the Field.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 1.--The negro

protective party by petition to-day was placed on the Ohio ballot sheet. This makes five tickets in the field, with the negro party to come. The negro party by mandamus, will try to compel the secretary of state to put Lincoln's picture at the head of their column on the ticket as their emblem.

TREND OF TRADE.

Liabilities of Business Failures for The Third Quarter

LOWER THAN ANY QUARTER

For Twenty-Three Years in all Branches of Commercial Activity.

THE VOLUME OF BUSINESS

In September Continues Larger than in the Same Month of 1893--Evidence of Reviving Prosperity are the more Important Because Prices for Manufactured Products have Advanced but Moderately--Speculative Markets Declining--Productive Industry is Showing Remarkable Gains and a Steady Revival in all Lines.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.--R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say in its issue to-morrow:

The failures during the third quarter of 1897, obtained yesterday by telegraph, were 2,903, with liabilities of \$28,963,261, of which twenty-nine were in banking for \$3,387,069, commercial failures 2,874 with liabilities of \$25,576,192, average only \$3,899 each, lower than in any other quarter for twenty-three years. The amount of defaulted liabilities is the smallest in any quarter for five years, and in fifteen years only six quarters have shown smaller liabilities. Manufacturing failures, 681, with liabilities of \$9,431,191, average but \$14,487 each, and trading 2,164, with liabilities of \$15,235,005, average but \$5,877 each, both smaller in average of liabilities than in any previous year of which classified records exist.

The volume of legitimate business continues a little larger than in the same month of 1892, but while the great increase of 27.4 per cent at New York for the week might be supposed to be due to speculative activity, in spite of the establishment and growth of the stock exchange clearing house, yet payments through the principal clearing houses outside of New York exceeded those of 1892 by 3.1 per cent. The same month of 1892, the great increase of 27.4 per cent at New York for the week might be supposed to be due to speculative activity, in spite of the establishment and growth of the stock exchange clearing house, yet payments through the principal clearing houses outside of New York exceeded those of 1892 by 3.1 per cent.

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SAFFRON SCOURGE.

Another Record Breaking Day at New Orleans--Cases Cropping Up in All Directions--At Other Points.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 1.--To-day was again something of a record breaker in the matter of new cases. They cropped up in all directions up to 8 o'clock. The death record was still low. The fever is rapidly spreading in many directions, but the large majority of cases are proving to be of a harmless type. The weather is warm and the conditions excellent for new cases. But the death rate percentage has fallen considerably below the record of 1879.

The most important new case is Dr. Beverly Warner, the pastor of the Trinity church. His case is a mild one. Rich and poor alike have been stricken to-day and the board of health reports seem to show that the best drained and kept houses are the most prone to be seriously as those which are minus of sanitation.

The fever here, of course, has not been declared epidemic, and for that reason physicians are disinclined to report yellow fever. A number of doctors said to-night in former protest, that if their names are reported in connection with yellow fever cases their practice would be ruined. Nobody would send for them if they have had anything to do with yellow fever.

MOBILE, ALA., Oct. 1.--The increase of number of cases continues slow, there being but seven cases reported to-day. One death, Mrs. A. Hoffman, on Seventh street, near Jefferson, was mentioned last night.

A suspicious case is reported to-night in the heart of the city, G. F. Striner, a case of the disease, near Duval street, Dr. Edwards, at St. Elmo, twenty miles south of Mobile, on the Louisville & Nashville, reports four suspicious cases, which he diagnosed as yellow fever. A suspicious case is reported at Grand Bay on the same line.

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss., Oct. 1.--A postal agent was taken off the train at Fontainebleau last night, sick and placed in the camp hospital.

Mr. Levy, from Biloxi, is sick at the same place. Dr. Kells, of Scranton, took sick to-day and was brought down to the camp hospital. Two new cases are reported at McHenry to-day.

EDWARDS